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To: Dean of Admissions

From: Superintendent

Subj: ADMISSIONS GUIDANCE FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1531.2C

Encl: (1) Admissions Guidance for the Class of 2017

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Admissions Guidance for the Class of 2017

1. The United States Naval Academy is a national institution that is reflective of the nation it serves and the Naval Service of which it is a part. The young men and women who are admitted will be challenged to meet high moral, mental, and physical standards throughout their Academy experience. They must achieve great character, competence, vision and drive for the privilege, upon graduation, of serving as leaders of Sailors and Marines who have volunteered to serve the nation in time of war. Therefore, the Naval Academy admissions objectives for the Class of 2017 are articulated below.

2. Within the limits established by law, Navy Department directives, guidance from the Secretary of the Navy and the procedures authorized below; identify, recruit, and admit approximately 1,190 candidates who meet the requirements outlined in SECNAVINST 1531.2C.

3. While ultimate responsibility rests with the Superintendent, the Dean of Admissions is accountable to me for ensuring the integrity of the Naval Academy's admissions policies and process. The Dean of Admissions will ensure that the Admissions Board is convened to consider and evaluate the applications of candidates. The Naval Academy Admissions Board will be composed of representatives of the staff and faculty and will be chaired by a Board member not assigned to the Office of Admissions. The Board will recommend candidates who possess the attributes necessary to successfully graduate from the Naval Academy and earn a commission in the Naval Service to the Dean of Admissions. The Dean of Admissions has delegated authority to make admissions decisions, including offers of appointment and approval/disapproval of medical waivers, except in those cases which counter recommendations from medical authority. These require my approval.

4. The Admissions Board will normally meet each week between September and the end of March, and as required until graduation. The records of all candidates who have submitted actionable applications will be reviewed, with the exception of candidates whose records indicate that they are sufficiently below the range of qualification to not warrant further consideration as discussed below.

5. It is important that the Admissions Board strongly consider candidates who will ensure that the Brigade of Midshipmen, and ultimately our graduates, reflect society and meet the needs of the Naval Service by producing well-rounded officers of Sailors and Marines. In order to cultivate a set of leaders with legitimacy in the eyes of the nation, it is necessary that the path to leadership in the Navy be visibly open to talented and qualified individuals of every racial, gender, ethnic, socio-economic, religious, and geographic background. The composition of the Class of 2017 should be a diverse cross section of America with the greatest possible variety of backgrounds in order to foster a learning environment where classroom discussion is livelier, more spirited, and simply more enlightening. The Board shall, therefore, consider acceptance of candidates from across the nation who bring diverse experiences such as

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7. The Dean of Admissions should identify candidates who are not competitive and who do not appear likely to compete successfully for an appointment to the Academy or any of the Naval Academy preparatory programs, and notify them early in the admissions cycle so they can seek alternative plans to achieve an undergraduate education and/or a commission. He will also identify records of candidates who possess unique experiences or accomplishments outlined in paragraph 5 to warrant a detailed evaluation by the Board.

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9. Naval Academy graduates must be unquestioned in moral character, personal conduct or integrity. As such, the Admissions Board is specifically charged with determining the overall moral qualification of each candidate, paying particular attention to issues related to human dignity and worth. Where there is a question, the Character Review Committee shall conduct a thorough review of the issues raised and provide a recommendation to the Admissions Board for a final determination of the moral qualifications of each candidate.

10. The Dean of Admissions may make offers of appointment only to candidates whose medical examination results are consistent with the expectation that the candidate will remain eligible for a commission after graduation in the Unrestricted Line of the Navy or the Marine Corps. Candidates with extraordinarily strong admission records who are expected to remain eligible for a commission, but only in the Restricted Line or Staff Corps Officer communities in the Navy, may be authorized an offer of appointment only upon my approval; including height and color deficiency waivers.

11. We will make offers of appointment which ensure all legal and policy requirements are met. To best meet the needs of the Naval Service, the Admissions Board is encouraged to identify outstanding candidates from the list of candidates applying for admission, who possess the leadership potential and motivation to successfully complete the course of study at the Naval Academy and become combat

leaders in the Naval Service. (b) (5)

12. The Admissions Board may recommend candidates for a year of preparatory school who possess unusual or exceptional talents as outlined in paragraph 5 who, with a further academic preparation, would have a high probability of successfully completing the four year curriculum at the Naval Academy. Since the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) is the primary avenue for enlisted members of the Navy and Marine Corps to gain admission to the Naval Academy, primary consideration for admission to NAPS will be made first from strongly motivated Fleet Sailors and Fleet Marine Forces candidates, and then to other candidates recommended by the Admissions Board. Up to 450 candidates may be recommended for a year of preparatory school. Of the pool of candidates recommended for a year of preparation, those not offered an appointment to NAPS may be offered a year of preparation at a civilian school. Candidates enrolled in either NAPS or a civilian school will compete for admission to the Naval Academy the following year through a formal Board review of each candidate's performance.



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